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Column One
BY David Courtney

THERE has been no holiday for M. Mendes-France. He has been gathering in the sheep and trying to drill the goats into behaving like lambs. One hopes for his success not because of any great liking for the Paris treaties but because without the treaties Germany will do as well or better and France worse. The workaday week after the holidays begins, therefore, in an atmosphere of crisis, with Mr. Dulles beating a nervous tattoo on the table and Sir Anthony Eden pulling impatiently at his moustache.

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DEFEAT for M. Mendes-France will be also, in a measure, defeat for Sir Anthony Eden and Sir Winston Churchill, who, since Geneva, have sponsored the French Premier and adjusted their foreign policy to give added weight to his. The vote may still go in the treaties' favour. Most Paris observers seem to think it will. Obviously Mendes-France will have spent the Christmas weekend bludgeoning or bajoling the party and group leaders to some effect: it need not have been very much effort to swing the small balance of last Friday from opposition to support.

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THE fact is that without an effective settlement of the question of German rearmament there cannot be effective settlement of other world questions. London and Paris are anxious to straighten out their security tangles in the Far East and the Middle East but until they feel confident about the twelve German divisions and their accoutrement and auxiliary defensive arms, they are unlikely to give to Far East and Middle East matter, the care and statesmanship they demand. For that matter, as long as Soviet Russia has West Germany to crow about — that is the failure of Anglo-American influence on the French Assembly and the continuing aptitude of German rearmament to keep the three Western Powers divided — so long, also, will certain countries of the Far and Middle East prove recalcitrant. When all is well in Europe all will be more or less well in other areas of western influence. When all is ill in Europe that is the time for mischievous little nations all over the world to tweak the lion's mane and pull at the eagle's feathers.

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FAILURE of the Paris Assembly to give M. Mendes-France his vote of confidence tonight will have its effect in Cairo, Baghdad, and Tokyo. The new Japanese Prime Minister has already let it be known that he, unlike his predecessor, has not the slightest intention of following meekly the lead of Washington. He is fully prepared to trade with Formosa but is determined to trade with Communist China as well and if that means recognition of the Peking Government, well and good; let the Peking Government be recognized. There are more ways than one of playing at "realism;" and one such way, in the opinion of many leading Japanese, is neutralism. If the West should be at sixes and sevens over German rearmament (and, *vide* their own constantly-reiterated warnings, hopelessly weak in Europe without German rearmament), why should not Japan, or Egypt, or any other country with an eye to the main chance, paddle a non-committal course until it knows which is, in the long run, the most favourable wind.

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BESIDES, if M. Mendes-France goes down tonight, what will France hope to do in Tunisia and Morocco? We can guess what Tunisians and Moroccans will hope to do. Again, what chance will France have then of keeping its Viet Nam hold? America, who is footing that bill, has agreed that France has the prior right in the Associated States; but can she be expected to go on in the spirit of that agreement if the Assembly rebels against a Premier who is serving western interests; and creates, as must then happen, weakness in the western camp and political disorder in France? Much, it will be seen, depend on tonight's vote: so much that it seems scarcely believable that the Assembly will risk the consequences of defeating the first really effective Premier it has had for years.

Jerusalem, December 27.

Catholics Withdraw From British Inter-Faith Council

LONDON, Sunday. — Newspapers reporting today the withdrawal of Catholics from the Council of Christians and Jews say that this was done on orders from the Vatican.

Among the Catholics who were members until the ban was imposed are the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R.A. Butler, and Poet Laureate John Masefield.

The Council of Christians and Jews, of which the Queen is the patron, was formed in 1942 to fight intolerance, particularly racial and religious intolerance. Its presidents are the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Moderators of the Church of Scotland and the Free Churches, and the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Israel Brodie.

No reason was given for the Catholic withdrawal, but it is believed that Catholics had complained of the "danger of indifferentism" which is explained as the propagation of the belief that all religions are equal.

A spokesman for the Cardinal of Westminster made it plain, however, that this was directed not against the Jews but the other Christian Churches represented on the Council.

(JNA, Reuter)

1,140 Arrive From North Africa; Go Direct to Farms

Jerusalem Post Staff

HAIFA, Sunday. — The s.s. Jerusalem brought 1,149 immigrants from North Africa this morning. This is the largest single shipload to arrive for several years and is the second time in less than two weeks that the Shoham passenger vessel has brought more than 1,100 newcomers from Marseilles.

Over 1,000 of the immigrants went to nine settlements in Galilee and the Negev today. As on previous occasions, the one-day ship-to-settlement operation was carried out without hitch. Some 20 of the arrivals will live with relatives, 28 will go to *kibbutzim* and 13 were sent to Sha'ar Ha'aliya. Some 50 children will enter Youth Aliya institutions.

Fifty-one families, comprising some 250 persons were taken to a newly established agricultural training centre at Mansi, off the Yokne'am-Megiddo road.

A 14-month-old baby of one of the immigrant families aboard the Jerusalem, Maurice Obayoun, died during the voyage. The ship's physician tentatively diagnosed the cause as a gastro-intestinal hemorrhage. The body has been removed to the Government hospital here for a *post mortem*.

Also aboard the vessel were 69 other passengers, including 10 from Argentina.

Outlining future plans in this new Jewish Agency scheme, an official of its Information Office in Tel Aviv told *The Jerusalem Post* that the new arrivals at Mansi will receive all training and personal help from Agency workers who will live on the site with them. The centre, which was the site of a former *ma'bara*, is equipped to give training to 250 families. It will be fully self-contained with all necessary amenities provided on the spot.

In April, the new settlers will move to the site of their permanent homes, near Afula.

Two other centres, which will give training on similar lines, are to be opened by the Agency. One of them, near Kfar Menahem, will receive its first group of newcomers in mid-January. The second will be in the Jerusalem Corridor.

Little Hope for Israel, Arab Accord—N.Y. Times

NEW YORK, Sunday (JNA). — "The New York Times," in its year-end round-up of international affairs, says that there is little hope for settlement between Israel and the Arab states.

The correspondent notes that some states which previously had taken a firm neutralist stand, were moving closer to the West. Iraq, in particular, had taken a definite stand with the West on important issues, and Egypt, the Lebanon and even Iran had sided with the Western powers more often.

In a general discussion of the position taken by the poorer states against colonial powers, the correspondent goes on to note that "two specific issues aggravate the problem."

The Arab states still resent the help the U.S. gave to Israel in her early days, even though the U.S., in accordance with the more friendly attitude to the Arab states of the Eisenhower Administration, has agreed to supply Iraq with arms and is negotiating a similar agreement with Egypt.

Show-Trial to Be Resumed Today

The show trial of the ten Egyptian Jews accused of espionage and sabotage is to be resumed in Cairo today, NEABS reported.

The judges completed their investigation in Alexandria on Saturday. They visited the homes of some of the accused and the alleged scene of their "crimes."

Prosecutor Fakri Abel Nabi told UP yesterday that the military court was not trying John Darling and Paul Frank *in absentia*. He said *absentia* trial does not exist in Egyptian military courts. The court is now trying only ten defendants of the alleged Zionist spy ring.

Two Border Clashes

Two border clashes between armed infiltrators and Israel security forces occurred in the week ending December 22. During that period, the Israel border was crossed three times for ploughing and grazing purposes, and there were several thefts of agricultural equipment.

3 Years for Infiltrator

ACRE, Sunday. — A military court here today sentenced a 27-year-old Arab to three years prison for infiltration.

Ahmed Abdul Majar confessed to having crossed the Lebanese border illegally last September.

190 ALGERIANS HELD

ALGIERS, Sunday (Reuter). — More than 190 people were arrested in police checks in Algeria today.

In the outlaw-infested Aures region shots were fired at a military convoy.

In Algiers, a terrorist, Iddir Mohammed, was shot and killed during a police reconstruction of a bus hold-up in which he confessed to taking part. He seized a rifle which the judge was examining and opened fire. He hit no one before escorting police shot him down.

New Histadrut Wages Policy 'Not A Freeze'

By Our Labour Correspondent

It is a deliberate distortion of the facts to call the wages policy proposed by the Histadrut's Trade Union Department a policy of wage freezing, Mr. Aharon Becker, head of the Department, declared at yesterday's meeting of the Histadrut's Executive Council in Tel Aviv, which approved the wages policy for 1955 submitted by the Department.

It is now expected that the collective wages agreements with the Manufacturers Association for 1955 will be signed on January 1.

The meeting was the climax to two months' discussion in the parties represented in the Histadrut and in the local Labour Councils. A delegate of Hapoel Hamizrahi, which cooperates with the Histadrut in certain specific activities, also took part.

The policy submitted by the Department, on the proposal of the Mapai representatives, provides for:

- Raising the standards of backward workers to those prevailing in industry, in general;
- Efforts by the Government and the Histadrut to ensure full employment;
- A special committee to inquire into the special rates in force for emergency public works;
- Vigorous measures against wage payment delays;
- Defence of existing wage rates; wage increases by rises in the cost-of-living allowance in keeping with rises in the index; productivity premiums; seniority and family allowances; up-grading resulting from improvements in skill;
- Re-examination of the calculation of the cost-of-living index;
- Preservation of social security conditions, and increased contributions from employers towards pension funds;
- Income-tax concessions for wage-earners;
- Regular supply of basic food-stuffs at stable official prices;
- Lowering of excessive profits and efficient collection of taxes from all sections of the population.

Mapam, Ahdut Ha'avoda and the Communists proposed wage increases of 15 to 25 per cent, the abolition of special rates for emergency public works, and the calculation of the cost-of-living allowance each month, instead of once in three months, as at present. Haoved Hazioni (Progressives) expressed general approval of the majority policy, but proposed higher wages for skilled and professional workers, to encourage study and training. Hapoel Hamizrahi pleaded for some flexibility in carrying out the policy.

Mr. Becker, in his opening speech, outlined the economic achievements of the State in the past year, in which, he said, the Histadrut's wage policy had played a considerable part. In addition to struggling for a fair share of the national income, like labour movements in other coun-

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Eshkol Optimistic In Report on Finances

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, reported to the regular weekly session of the Cabinet yesterday immediately after his return from a three-week visit to the United States and Canada. It is understood that his report was optimistic, and that he is of the opinion that Israel's financial position is becoming "increasingly stabilized."

(On his arrival at Lydda Airport yesterday, Mr. Eshkol said that the sale of Independence Bonds was proceeding at an increased rate and that Bond income this year should be satisfactory. At a mass meeting in Madison Square Garden in New York, where Mr. Eshkol spoke, $2.5m. worth of Bonds were sold in one evening.

MR. ESHKOL

(The United Jewish Appeal which had raised about $65m. this year for the consolidation of the State's short-term debts might yield less than last year, Mr. Eshkol said, but there were unmistakable signs that it would recover next year.)

(Messrs. Edward Warburg and William Rosenwald agreed to head the United Jewish Appeal's activities, as a result of Mr. Eshkol's persuasion.)

Pig-Breeding

A full account of the work of the special Ministerial Committee on pig-breeding was given by the Minister of Justice, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, on behalf of the Committee. No further action is being taken at present, while two orders *nisi* are before the High Court challenging the legality of the present order which restricts pig-breeding to certain areas.

Similarly, a Natanya by-law banning the sale of pork products in the town has been challenged by shop-keepers, and further approval of by-laws of this type will not be given.

At the same time, the Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Rokach, has stated that he will approve any local by-law which permits the sale of pork only by special licence, as in Tel Aviv. It is expected that such licences will be given in very restricted numbers, but that a restrictive, rather than prohibitive order is more likely to prove valid in Israel law.

The official communique stated:

At its weekly session yesterday, the Cabinet heard the Prime Minister report on matters pertaining to foreign policy;

Heard the Minister of Finance report on his trip to the U.S.;

Discussed the problem of road accidents in advance of the Minister of Communication's report to the Knesset;

Discussed the hospitalization situation;

Received from the Minister of Justice a report of the Ministerial Committee on the restriction on pig breeding;

Authorized Israel's participation in the International Tin Treaty.

Snow Avalanches Threaten Switzerland, Austria

Avalanche warnings were issued in Switzerland and Austria yesterday as warm air loosened the snow. There have already been many avalanches in the Austrian Alps, and the main road from Salzburg to Gastein was blocked by snow.

In most European capitals, the "White Christmas" turned grey yesterday as rising temperatures turned snow into slush.

West German river authorities tonight reported a danger of floods in several areas due to heavy rains in the past few days.

The lower Rhine has left its bed in some places. The Rhine has been partly closed for shipping and the Lippe River is carrying dangerously high waters.

In the U.S., the Christmas holiday accident toll rose to 228 early yesterday. The total included 189 dead in road accidents, 29 killed in fires and two in plane crashes.

At Parkin, Arkansas, a fire touched off by a stove explosion killed 12 members of two Mexican families.

In Mexico, six persons were killed in fights after wild drinking parties, four others died of alcoholic congestion and two young girls were killed in fireworks explosions. *(Reuter, UP)*

5 Slain in Morocco

CASABLANCA, Sunday (UP). — Moroccan terrorists killed five persons and wounded 18 over the week-end.

A Moroccan woman was killed, and eight other persons were injured when a bomb exploded in the Nouvelle Medina. Terrorists also shot dead a Moroccan weaver outside his house, while in neighbouring Algeria, they burned down a Christian Church.

In Constantine, one outlaw was killed and another was captured in a clash with security forces.

Crossman Due For Three-Week Visit

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. Richard Crossman, a leading member of the British Labour Party, is expected to arrive in Israel tomorrow for a three-week visit.

Mr. Crossman

During part of his stay he will be the guest of Mrs. Chaim Weizmann. Later this week, Mr. Crossman will address a Histadrut meeting and will confer with the Mapai secretaries, Mr. Yona Kesse and Mr. Raphael Bash.

Mr. Crossman was a member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry in Palestine in 1946, after which he wrote "Palestine Mission." He last visited Israel in December, 1952.

JORDAN APPROVES AID FROM US

AMMAN, Sunday (Reuter). — Jordan's Cabinet tonight approved the loans under which she will receive $5m. in aid from the United States.

The money will be spent on Jordan's five-year development plan, including the Yarmuk Dam and irrigation projects, roads and factories for canned milk and fruit.

Jordan expects another $2.2m. as a loan from the United States.

Jordan Denies Rupture In UK Treaty Talks

The Acting Jordan Premier, Huza'i Majali, denied yesterday that there had been any breakdown in the preliminary Anglo-Jordan talks in London on the revision of the treaty between the two countries, NEABS reported.

The negotiations ended on Thursday, but the Jordan Premier, Tewfik Ab'ul Huda, and the Defence Minister, Anwar Nuseibeh, are to remain in London for another week for informal talks.

Report Says Bat Galim To Sail for Haifa

The s.s. Bat Galim and her crew will be permitted to continue their journey directly to Haifa, the Old City daily "El Jihad" said yesterday, quoting a high Egyptian Customs Official in Alexandria.

The report added that the ship was now anchored in Alexandria after having passed the Suez Canal, and would be released within a few days.

He added that the cargo of the ship was sold at a public auction last month.

Seek Jordan Accord On Border Marking

General E.L.M. Burns, Chief of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, has called upon Jordan to agree that U.N. Observers be permitted to attend the demarcation of the armistice lines by Israel, according to the Old City daily, "El Jihad."

General Burns made the request in a letter of reply to Dr. H. Nuseibeh, Senior Jordan Delegate to the Mixed Armistice Commission, who informed General Burns last week of Jordan's opposition to this action, the paper added.

General Burns was said to have stressed the great importance of marking the lines on the ground which would result in a lessening of infiltration and border incidents.

The authority to send Observers to any point along the lines is granted him by Security Council resolutions, General Burns is quoted as saying. Furthermore, the marking of the lines, which is being carried out on the basis of the maps signed at Rhodes, had no political aims, the U.N. Chief of Staff said, according to "El Jihad."

A NEABS report says Dr. Nuseibeh has stated that Jordan will continue her opposition in this matter despite General Burns' request.

Colonel Charles Brewster, U.N. Chairman of the Israel-Jordan M.A.C., has rejected Jordan's request for an emergency meeting to discuss the alleged Kafr Sur incident in the Tulkarem area on Friday, according to the Amman correspondent of NEABS.

Investigation by the U.N. showed that the incident did not warrant an emergency session. Col. Brewster added. Jordan has alleged that a villager was seriously wounded by an Israel Army patrol which had penetrated 200 metres into Jordan territory.

Jordan has again notified General Burns of her insistence that he sign the local commanders' agreement, not only as a witness, but as a third party. "A-Diffa," the Old City daily, writes. General Burns once more has promised to negotiate with Israel in this matter, the paper adds.

Jordan submitted a complaint to the M.A.C. yesterday asking for an emergency meeting concerning the alleged crossing into Jordan of an Israel patrol in the Hebron area on Saturday afternoon, according to NEABS. The complaint declares that the Israel patrol opened fire on a Jordan shepherd and wounded him.

Ali Asks Meeting On Kashmir with Nehru

CALCUTTA, Sunday (Reuter). — The Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammed Ali, said here today that he would postpone taking the Kashmir dispute to the United Nations Security Council pending his proposed meeting with Prime Minister Nehru.

Mr. Ali added that he had written to the Indian Prime Minister asking him to fix an early date for such a meeting. The letter was delivered to Mr. Nehru last night.

In it, Mr. Ali proposed that the Kashmir dispute be discussed between them personally and that other outstanding Indo-Pakistan questions be referred to a joint steering committee.

A settlement of the Kashmir problem would electrify the people of both India and Pakistan, he commented.

Mr. Ali stated today that he had no objection to inviting Japan and the People's Republic of China to the proposed African-Asian conference.

"As far as Pakistan is concerned, I have no objection to inviting China, but there are other nations who have not yet recognized her," he said.

The Pakistan leader was speaking during an enforced stop of seven hours at Calcutta airport because of engine trouble to his plane on his way to the Colombo Powers' Conference at Djakarta, which opens on Tuesday.

This meeting of the five South-East Asia nations will consider the calling of a wider African-Asian conference for easing tension in the area and for studying local development.

Mr. Nehru and the Burmese Prime Minister, U Nu, left Rangoon together by air today on their way to Djakarta. Mr. Nehru had made a brief stop at Rangoon on his way from Delhi.

The two Premiers will stop at Bangkok as guests of the Thai Government.

Radford to Report to Congress on Vietnam

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will inform Congress early next year what the chances are of saving Vietnam from Communism, according to United States officials.

Admiral Radford was in Vietnam this past week.

The officials said that he will tell Congressional Appropriations and Armed Services Committees, what estimate General J. Lawton Collins, President Eisenhower's special envoy to Vietnam, gives of the possibility of defeating Communism there before the elections in mid-year of 1956.

They understood General Collins has already formed the impression that the Vietnam army will have to assume the primary role of pushing back Communism if any headway in Vietnam is to be made.

West Alliance at Stake In French Assembly Today

Bonn Waits Outcome With Deep Anxiety

BONN, Sunday (UP). — The Bonn Government waited with deep anxiety tonight for France's show-down vote deciding the whole fate of a rearmed West Germany within the Western alliance.

Officials pinned all their hopes on the chance that the French Assembly would reverse itself under the whiplash threat of a confidence vote.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, deeply disturbed over the sudden crisis in a polity on which he had staked his political reputation, handed down strict orders that no comment must be made that could in any way affect things in Paris.

All Government sources refused to comment on the first round defeat in the Paris Assembly on Friday morning or to predict the outcome tomorrow. In the absence of any newspapers in West Germany for the past two days there also was no press comment.

What would happen if the French Assembly dealt the final blow to West European Union, was something officials still were not ready to predict. However, informed sources were convinced that the first result would be a flat rejection of the unpopular Franco-German Saar agreement by the Bonn Parliament early in the new year and an end to all Dr. Adenauer's carefully nurtured plans for closer Franco-German relations.

'Decisive Days,' Says Moscow Radio

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — France was being threatened from Washington and London in an attempt to reverse the National Assembly's vote on Friday against German rearmament, Moscow Radio said today.

The broadcast declared that these were "decisive days" and added, "At present there is still a chance of talking with the Soviet Union on the question of Germany's reunion, but the chance would be ruined once the Paris Agreements had been ratified."

Mendes-France Bids for Support

PARIS, Sunday. — Premier Pierre Mendes-France staged a political counter-attack tonight to save his Government in tomorrow's votes of confidence. He dramatically increased the social benefits paid by the Government to families in a surprise move obviously aimed at winning popular support on the most unpopular issue he has ever fought — rearming Germany.

M. MENDES-FRANCE

At stake was the future of the Western alliance and the whole direction of post-war American and British policy of committing ground troops on the continent of Europe.

National Assembly Deputies began returning to the capital tonight from their Christmas holiday to make the decisions—France's most agonizing and historic since World War II.

Most politicians, observers and newspapers predicted that the Assembly would reverse its rejection on Friday of the Western European Union and would approve German rearmament. But this is by no means certain.

Premier Mendes-France appeared confident of the result. One of the two public engagements today was a meeting with a few of his Economic Ministers who decided to increase family allowances. This strategy was a repeat performance of his move in October to raise basic wages just before a preliminary vote on the new Western defence plans.

The vital confidence vote to be taken in the afternoon or evening will be posed on the second protocol of the Paris Agreements. This provides for West Germany's admission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

A second confidence vote will then be taken on a Gaullist motion instructing the Government to exchange the instruments of ratification of the Paris Agreements at the same time as those of the Franco-German agreement on the Saar.

This motion, which is accepted by the Government, also rejects all other amendments tending to delay application of the Paris Agreements once they are ratified.

If M. Pierre Mendes-France succeeds in these two votes, his Government will then proceed to a second reading of the protocol rejected on Friday, which provides for Germany to raise 12 Divisions and to join the Western European Union.

The Government is expected to make this a question of confidence also. In that case the vote can take place at the earliest on Tuesday evening.

M. Mendes-France called a second inter-ministerial conference on defence tonight at the Quai d'Orsay.

He summoned all the Defence Ministers, Finance Minister Edgar Faure and Atomic Energy Delegate Jules Moch, an opponent of German rearmament in the Parliament.

The upping of the family allowances was aimed at the Catholic MRP, whose main domestic plank it is. The swing of the MRP against M. Mendes-France in the vote was one of the chief reasons for his defeat on Friday.

The allowances will be raised 10 per cent effective January 1. Under present family benefits,

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Ike May End Holiday If France Rejects Pacts

AUGUSTA, Georgia, Sunday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower would consider breaking off his Christmas holiday here to return to Washington if the French National Assembly rejected the Paris Agreements to rearm Germany, his press secretary stated today.

The Secretary, Mr. James Hagerty, said that alternatively Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, and other high officials might come to Augusta.

His statement emphasized the concern with which the Administration is waiting the crucial French vote.

A Republican and a Democrat member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee both urged caution in the handling of the situation.

Senator A. Wiley, Republican, told reporters, "After all we do not want the impression to be created that this German settlement is all our doing." Senator John Sparkman, Democrat, added at a separate interview, "I think we should wait now."

Chou Sees Relaxation of World Tension; Hits US, UK on Formosa

HONG KONG, Sunday (Reuter).—The Chinese Premier and Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, said in a report published today that there had been some relaxation of the international situation during the past few months, but that the Americans were trying to extend and deepen world antagonisms.

He also denounced Britain for following "dangerous" American policies and of having "encouraged the U.S. on Formosa."

"To cover up the aggressive substance of the U.S.-Chiang Kai-shek treaty, Washington is deliberately creating tension by setting up a great clamour about 13 spies who have been justly convicted in China.

"It has manipulated the U.N. into adopting an absurd resolution purporting to condemn China," he said.

"In addition, the U.S. is actively engineering Middle East aggressive grouping" to link up into a great pact to divide the world and encircle the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China, and the People's Democracies to facilitate preparation for a new world war."

Reaffirming that "Formosa is Chinese territory," Mr. Chou declared, "All absurd propositions that Formosa be made an independent state or be "neutralised" or put under trusteeship are in fact designed to divide China's territory, violate her sovereign rights and interfere in her internal affairs."

A declaration adopted yesterday by the Chinese Consultative Conference, at which he spoke, said, "The Chinese people will never stop until Formosa is liberated," the New China News Agency reported.

The political report made by the Premier on December 21, was unanimously endorsed by the Conference, the organization which acted as China's Parliament until the People's Congress was elected this year.

The declaration condemned America's treaty with "the traitorous Chiang Kai-shek clique" which, it added, "openly threatens the Chinese with war.

"This will never be tolerated by the Chinese people. The Conference is unanimously indignant over the grave act of provocation committed by the U.S. Government.

"We hereby pledge to carry through with all our strength the joint declaration for the liberation of Formosa issued on August 22, 1954, by all democratic parties and groups and people's organizations of China."

Chinese Nationalist bombers dropped ten bombs on Communist-held Tienao Island, north of the Nationalist stronghold of Tachen Island off the mainland last night.

A Nationalist Defence Ministry communique reported that anti-aircraft fire against the Nationalist planes was "very weak." It gave no further details.

Earlier, Nationalist ships and planes bombarded Communist positions in Chikuoshan Island, eight miles north of Tachen, in the first Nationalist air-sea attack since September.

India to Seek 'Peace Makers' at Parley

DJAKARTA, Sunday (Reuter).—India's main concern in attending the Colombo Powers conference at Bogor, 40 miles from here, will be to choose those African and Asian countries who together might help to act as peace-makers between the Communist and non-Communist worlds, according to a usually well-informed source here today.

Prime Minister Nehru will confer with the Prime Ministers of Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Indonesia in a meeting expected to last for two days.

The source said it was generally accepted in conference circles that Mr. Nehru favoured limiting the list of countries invited to an Afro-Asian conference to those who had similar aims and could be effective in attempting to make a bridge between the Communist-dominated East and the American-led West.

India aims at steering the conference in two main lines:

1) to get agreement that its main purpose should be to reconcile the East and the West and place on the agenda ways and means of doing this, and

2) to get the other four Prime Ministers to limit the list of invitees.

However, the Indonesian Prime Minister, Dr. Ali Sastroamidjo, stated in New Delhi last month that as many countries as possible would be invited to the conference.

Government sources here today revealed that Indonesia was ready to act as mediator in the dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir, but was likely to make it clear she would act only if both sides were agreed on asking her to render her good offices.

This question would not necessarily be raised in the official Bogor conference, but Indonesia could at any rate take the opportunity to put it to the two Prime Ministers privately while they were here together.

Sudan Sovereignty

The Sudanese Premier, Ismail el Azhari, told correspondents in Khartoum yesterday that relations between the Sudan and Egypt must be based on the sovereignty of each country, NEABS reported. He said that the time had come for the government party to determine its policy on this issue.

He added that his Cabinet's aim was to achieve the evacuation of British and Egyptian troops from the country in order to enable the Sudanese to take [illegible]

US to Press For Peace in 1955

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — The Eisenhower Administration pledged itself today to press for peace in 1955 through a policy of firmness based on a system of mutual security and cooperation with allies abroad.

It also vowed to prevent any recurrence of inflation, promised new efforts to dispose of troublesome farm surpluses, called for a revision of anti-trust laws, and urged the States to strengthen their minimum wage and unemployment compensation laws.

The broad outline of Administration policy for the coming year was contained in a series of articles written by the ten members of President Eisenhower's Cabinet for the current issue of the magazine "Nation's Business."

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, promised a flexible policy to meet shifts in the Communist line. Existing gaps in the free world's defences would be filled through new alliances and overseas bases from which to launch retaliation, should the aggressor strike.

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Social & Personal

Mrs. H. Levanon, wife of the Mayor of Tel Aviv, and Mr. Y. Nedivi, the Town Clerk, on Thursday presented 50 records of popular music to the patients of the Tel Hashomer Hospital, as a gift from the Municipality.

ARRIVALS: Prof. and Mrs. Norman Bentwich, on a visit; Mrs. Katherine S. Falk, U.J.A. volunteer worker of New York, on an extended visit; Dr. and Mrs. Herman Bush, of Chicago, active leaders in Israel Bonds; Dr. Eva Kirstein, of the Wiso Publicity Department, from England, where she held an educational seminar; Miss Lilie Mayer, of the British Wizo Federation, after a tour in South Africa.

Dr. Hannah Gelber, member of the National Board of the Hadassah Organization of Canada (Wizo), has been designated as official representative of Canadian Wizo—Hadassah for all their activities in Israel. She has taken up residence in Jerusalem.

Mr. Moshe Kol, head of the Jewish Agency Youth Department, flew by Arkia to Eilat yesterday to inspect the Gadna farm at Be'er Ora.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Mrs. Elsbeth Preuss, Jerusalem, wishes to thank all friends and institutions for the condolences received on her bereavement.

Life is reflected in Family Announcements; people read them and they are the best and simplest way of informing your relatives and friends of the event.

Self-Sufficient Basis Needed for Economy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — The importance of putting the nation's economy on a self-sufficient basis was stressed on Friday by Mr. Eliezer Livneh, M.K., at the fortnightly luncheon meeting of the Haifa Maritime Club.

Mr. Livneh said that aid from abroad since the foundation of the State had totalled some $2,000m., and the granting of large amounts of foreign aid could be expected for only a few more years. He stated that while we welcome funds from Western Jewry, there must not replace immigration from the West.

He recommended various sweeping changes in economic policy. Chief among these was less intervention on the part of the Government in day-to-day economic affairs, and tighter supervision in key fields and key positions such as health and social affairs. Mr. Livneh was also opposed to increasing the national budget.

Plastics Plant Founder Honoured at Haifa

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Haklit Company, Israel's first plastics factory, and its founder director, Mr. Bruno Rabonovitz, were honoured at a reception at the plant in the Industrial Zone on Friday.

For five years before World War II, Haklit was the only company in its field and during the war it proved an asset to the Middle East supply situation.

There had never been a labour dispute in the factory, and not a single hour had been lost by strikes, Mr. Rabinovitz said. Haklit exports to South Africa, Cyprus, England and Scandinavia. Output is divided equally between household articles and accessories for other industries.

Fellow industrialists inscribed Mr. Rabinovitz in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
491, 340, 41.9 & 48.4 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 8.15, 8.50 & 11.00 p.m.; Arabic: (programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 4.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.58 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Piano Concerto No.2 (Chopin); Serenade for String Orchestra (Tchaikowsky). 1.50 Light Notes (R). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Piesta (R). 4.30 Notes for Scripture Reading. 4.45 Vocal Recital: Yehuda Shamir. 5.15 Child's Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Opera: "Carmen" (Bizet). Act III. 7.45 Talk. 8.00 Youth Programme. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.30 Light Music (R). 9.05 Curtain Up. 9.30 Light Music (R). 10.00 "Collegium Musicum": Mozart & Bach presented by Max Lampel. Artists: Rachel Mamondi, Jacob, Percy Hayman, Arieh Mirsky, Nahum Pinenuk & Dr. Marc Rousseau. 10.40 Nocturne. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
449, 325, 214, 407, 48.9 & 33.8 M.

English News: 1.35 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS HOUR: (33.8, 34.9 & 469 M.): 6.15 p.m. Programme for Youngsters. 6.55 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.35 Yiddish. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 p.m. Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA: (33.8 M.): 11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 Silver Jubilee of the Jerusalem Rotary Club. 11.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME: (41.4, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Phantasy. 7.00 Requests (Hebrew Songs). 7.30 Among the Flags. 8.00 Zahel's Orchestra. 8.30 News. 8.45 Concert: Works by Tchaikowsky, Glazonov & Schostakovitz. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (31.80, 34.19, 25.53 & 19.86 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News: News Talk: Echoes from the World.

Seconday Schooling 'Desirable for All'

That a secondary school education for all is desirable was agreed by the participants in last night's "Round Table" broadcast over Kol Yisrael.

However, it was also the consensus that there were no prospects for the realization of this aim in the near future, and that efforts should therefore be made to increase the number of children who will be able to attend secondary schools. Raising the number of scholarships (4,000 this year) and increasing the number of evening schools were cited as means of achieving this goal.

It was generally agreed that secondary school education did not mean academic subjects alone, but included vocational and agricultural training as well.

The participants were Prof. A.M. Dushkin, head of the School of Education in the Hebrew University; Dr. M. Ziv, Director of the Secondary Education Division in the Ministry of Education and Culture; Mr. E. Regev, Director of the Agricultural Education Department in the Ministry of Agriculture; and Mr. S. Tajar, a teacher in the Rehavia Secondary School in Jerusalem. Dr. S. Ben-Yehuda, principal of the Herzlia Secondary School in Tel Aviv, was moderator.

U.K. WAGE BILL RISES 7½%

An increase of 7½ per cent in the total wage bill of the United Kingdom is reported for the period from 1947 to 1953, according to a recent statement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons.

In the same period, the retail prices of all consumer goods and services have risen by 43 per cent, and retail prices in working-class households by 46 per cent. On the other hand, interest and dividends paid by companies and public cooperations increased by 50 per cent.

W.J.C., SOUTH AFRICANS AGREE ON POLICY

NEW YORK, Sunday (UP). — The World Jewish Congress Executive has ratified an agreement with the South African Jewish Board of Deputies where, by the two groups will confer on certain matters affecting world Jewry "with a view to reaching common policy," the WJC announced here last night. The agreement also provides that in cultural matters the WJC will "give all available assistance" to the South African body.

WOMAN DISAPPEARS

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — A 42-year-old woman, known to be suffering from the mental effects of some years in Nazi concentration camps, disappeared from her home on Thursday. She is Haya Shuster, who married a local carpenter three years ago. She was last seen by the milkman who noticed her hiding in an empty hut in the nearby mabora.

LEILA MURAD MARRIES

The Safad-born Egyptian Jewish film star, Leila Murad, was married in Cairo last week to the film producer, Fattin Abdul Wahab, according to the Arab News Agency. Wahad stated that he met his wife only 10 days ago.

26 Children — One a Year

NEW BRUNSWICK, Canada, Sunday. — Mrs. Maria Cyr, a farmer's wife, yesterday gave birth to her 26th child, in 26 years of married life. The premature five-pound, four ounce daughter was promptly christened Noella. Mrs. Cyr is 42, and 19 of her children are still alive.

Nurse's Training Is Not Employment

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Time spent by a student nurse in training is not considered a period of employment for the purpose of entitling her to maternity pay, the National Insurance Institute tribunal ruled in Jerusalem last week.

The case arose when a nurse claimed maternity pay on the grounds that she had worked for Hadassah six consecutive months, including the period of her practical training.

The tribunal noted that in view of the heavy financial burdens of the State and the National Insurance Institute, no financial obligation should be imposed on the Institute which was not specifically mentioned in the law.

Magistrate M. Peretz headed the tribunal, which was also composed of Messrs. K. Vardi and Y. Mizrahi. Mr. Y. Nanar appeared for the claimant, and Mr. M. Levine for the Attorney General.

Independent workers are warned that delays in payments to the National Insurance Institute may result in a forfeit of old age, death and motherhood insurance or an increase of premium by 20-50 per cent.

All woman workers will be entitled to a 12-week maternity leave (up to IL.420) in addition to the IL.35 maternity grant, beginning February 1. Compensation to widows and orphans of persons who were insured for at least a year will be paid by the Institute beginning April 1. This grant will be paid only if the deceased had not been behind in payments for more than six months.

Insured persons who are behind in payments are required to pay fees for nine months in order to ensure their rights in the coming months.

100 ACTORS MAKING 'SHORTS'

TEL AVIV Sunday. — Over 100 actors, directors and technicians are employed in the making of short films for the local film industry, it was revealed at a national meeting of the Film Workers Union which took place last week in the Histadrut Executive building.

One of the obstacles which stood in the way of further development of the new industry was the lack of interest, and even the obstruction, of the local cinema owners and managers, Mr. Z. Assaf, a member of the Histadrut Executive, told the gathering.

'Israel' School in Cuba

One of the primary schools of Havana, capital of Cuba, has been named after the State of Israel, according to a Cuban Government ordinance.

The Minister of Education and Culture, Professor Ben Zion Dinur, has sent a cable of appreciation to the Cuban Minister of Education.

H.U. Teacher Gets Pittsburgh Stipend

PITTSBURGH, Sunday (JNA). — Dr. Daniel Diengott, a member of the Hebrew University staff, has been named first recipient of a stipend by the Emanuel Spector Memorial Foundation of Pittsburgh. Dr. Diengott will spend a year at the Department of Clinical Science of the University of Pittsburgh.

The purpose of the foundation is to enable persons of merit in Israel to come to this city for advanced training.

University Gets $13,400 in Gifts

The Hebrew University has received a gift of $10,000 from Mr. Benjamin Shapiro, of New York, and members of his family for the construction of a laboratory on the new University campus. The gift is in memory of Mr. Shapiro's nephew, Dr. Lawrence M. Shapiro.

The University has also been given $1,500 by the Alden Construction Company, of Bellefower, California, and the Max London Foundation of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, has renewed its annual gift of $1,500 to the University for hormone research; the sum of $469 has been received from the estate of the late Mr. Jacob Feldstein of Birmingham, Alabama, U.S., for its Department of Pre-History.

Mr. Zvi Kessel, of Mexico City, has presented to the Jewish National and University Library the following two valuable books: Sepher Meir Netiv, printed in Venice in 1522, and Perush al Neviim Rishonim le-Don Yitzhak Abarbanel, printed in Leipzig in 1686.

LESSONS FOR TEACHERS

Model lessons and lectures on teaching methods were given at two conventions — one for the principals of immigrant settlement schools and one for non-certificated teachers—which were held in Acre during the Hanukka vacation. The gatherings were held under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and Culture and were arranged under the patronage of Mr. Y. Gadish, Mayor of Acre, Mrs. Hemda Azipo, Supervisor of the Northern District, opened the conventions.

A PEDAGOGICAL exhibition of kindergarten education is now being held in the Umaria branch of Beit Hakerem school at Talbieh, Jerusalem.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Givati, Keren Kayemet, 2260; Amudim, Jaffa Road, 4581.

TEL AVIV: Dr. Kalberg, 23 Allenby, 58265; Bilsky, Kikar Dizengoff, 82045; Moshkovits, 25 King George, 62660; Nordau, 180 Ben Yehuda, 62512; Baruch, Rehunist Hatikva, 67408. JAFFA: Varsano, 2 Rehov Ben, 81750.

RAMAT GAN: Orion 19 Arlosoroff; Israel, Shikun Herut.

HAIFA: Shany, 1 Herzlia, 4054; Masor, 17, Hasanlim 4728.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. N. Ehrenfeld, 24 Ramban, 4280; Dr. Weinberger, 40 Yastshkin, 3450.

TEL AVIV: Dr. M. Shaham, 1 Syrkin, 25463. Dr. N.L. Bacher, 168 Dizengoff, 28283. Dr. I. Griffel, 5 Ben Yehuda, 22466.

HAIFA: Dr. T. Eckstein, 12, Hashalom, 66455; Dr. F. Bilsky, 7, Ahva, 2109. Dr. N. Landau, 4, Mahanayim, 6937.

Raising Morale In Young Settlements

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The first large-scale undertaking of the six-month-old Information and Civic Education Services, attached to the Prime Minister's Office, is now well under way. The project is the raising of morale in young moshavim through the organization of various cultural activities.

The organization has just begun to extend its work in this field to young border kibbutzim and to ma'abarot, it is revealed by the local headquarters of the Services here, which covers about half the country.

In the 20 local districts controlled from this office, more than 100 social events will have been organized and 54 films shown by the end of December, as well as the initiation of several study circles and similar educational activities.

Another major activity of the Tel Aviv centre is the holding of civic leadership courses, each lasting for about a month. The settlers who participate are prepared to lead cultural activities in their villages.

Two examples of the work being done in young moshavim were shown to the Press in a recent tour of the Gedera area. The extremely difficult conditions under which the organization must work were emphasized at the first place visited, Hatzav. Here, as in so many settlements, lack of basic amenities and of electricity cause an understandable tendency towards a lowering of morale. This is particularly true in the winter.

Furthermore, it is pointed out, the make-up of the moshav, with its emphasis on private family life, is a serious deterrent to the holding of communal social activities. Different political affiliations create another problem.

At the second place, the Poalei Agudat Yisrael District Council of Nahal Shorek, 400 persons from surrounding moshavim and the local ma'abara packed the dining hall of kibbutz Hafetz Hayim to hear a Hanukka talk by Rabbi Kalman Kahana, M.K., a member of the settlement, and to participate in other Hanukka activities.

Similar work is being done by the three other district offices of the Services, which has a budget of IL.500,000 for eight months of activity.

Court Upholds Rejection Of Disability Claim

An order nisi which had been granted against the Supreme Medical Committee, in connection with its decision not to authorize a percentage of disability on behalf of a man who had been injured while serving in the Reserves, was cancelled yesterday by the High Court. The Court was satisfied that there was no defect in the Committee's handling of the case of the appellant, Mr. Avraham Habashosh.

Mr. Habashosh sustained a thigh injury in 1950 when he fell off an Army tender. The Compensation Officer decided that compensation would be due if the Medical Committee authorized a 10 per cent disability or more. The Supreme Medical Committee twice upheld the lower body's decision that there was no percentage of disability in this case since the appellant had lost none of his work ability and exhibited no objective signs of illness. His exaggerated mental reaction to his injury did not justify such a percentage, the Committees decided, but only the granting of suitable medical treatment.

The Court consisted of President Olshan and Justices Goitein and Witkon. *(ITIM)*

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JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 5.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ABNON: Stars of the Russian Ballet.
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ORION: King of the Khyber Rifles.
ORNA: The Juggler.
RON: A City on Trial.
STUDIO: The Angel with the Trumpet.
TEL OR: One Minute to Zero. Today at 10.30 a.m. Tarzan and the She-Devil.
ZION HALL: L'affaire Maurizius.

BUILDER APPEALS DEMOLITION ORDER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipality cannot ask a citizen to abide by the law more strictly than does the Municipality itself. This statement appeared in the appeal which Mr. Efraim Cohen, a Jerusalem contractor, submitted to the District Court last week through his advocate, Mr. Shlomo Mizrahi. He was appealing against the verdict of Municipal Magistrate Meir Murciano that Mr. Cohen was guilty of illegally building an apartment and another room. He was ordered to destroy them, to pay a IL.100 fine and to serve 10 days in prison.

Referring to the fact that Magistrate Murciano had found that the city had issued, and was issuing "worthlessn" building licences, Mr. Cohen asked why only a small portion of the building should be torn down when all the building had been built under a "worthless" licence.

The Municipal Court has always handed down destruction orders with the understanding that the accused be given one year to obtain a building licence; why was this customary right withheld from me? the appellant continued.

Finally, he declared that Mr. Murpiano had no right to sit as a magistrate since he was not appointed in accordance with the Judges Law.

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HOUSES & PLOTS

N.B.A. Withdraws Cohen Recognition

MILWAUKEE, Sunday (UP). —The National Boxing Association Championship Committee on Thursday withdrew recognition of Robert Cohen as world bantamweight champion.

Fred Saddy, Chairman of the Committee, said that Cohen had not lived up to his agreement to defend his title against the American champion within 90 days of his title fight.

The N.B.A. recognised Cohen, of French Algeria, as champion after he defeated Chamrern Songkitrat on August 22 in Bangkok. The previous title holder, Jimmy Carruthers of Australia, had retired, leaving the title vacant.

Saddy said that Cohen decisioned Roy Ankarah in Paris, on Wednesday night without fulfilling his agreement with the N.B.A. He stated that Cohen should have defended his title against Raton Macias of Mexico, who defeated Nate Brooks for the American championship.

DAVIS CUP DRAW

SYDNEY, Sunday (UP). — The draw for the challenge round of the Davis Cup yesterday set Lewis Hoad, Australia, against Tony Trabert, for the opening match tomorrow. In the following match, Ken Rosewall, Australia, will play against Vic Seixas, United States. On Wednesday, Rosewall will play against Trabert and Seixas Hoad.

The pairings for the doubles matches will not be announced before Tuesday. If the Americans take the doubles they stand a good chance to regain the Cup because Trabert is favoured to defeat Rosewall in Wednesday's opening game. But if the Americans find themselves dependent on the last match (Seixas-Hoad), Australia is likely to retain the Cup for the fifth straight year. Hoad was devastating in today's workout and will present a difficult problem for Seixas.

On December 19, 1954 the trial of a resident accused of turning in to the Compulsory Loan Administration a fraudulent declaration of his property and its value, took place before Justice Dr. Neuman in Haifa Magistrate Court.

The Court found the defendant guilty on all charges but as the defendant in the meantime, complying with our original request, had rectified his property-declaration and had paid the required amount, he was fined only IL.225.

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3½% Govt. Bds. (large)	97 —
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	931 —
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	931 +1
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3	774 —1
Bk. Leumi ord. sh.	358 —
A.P.B. Investm. 4% debs. 50/70 a)	961 —
ord. sh. "B"	1153 —
Gasit ord. sh. "B"	1061 —
Ellern's Inv. ord. "B"	151 —
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	1041 —
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	774 +1
Bizur 4% debs. 56/65 c)	83 +11
Nir 4% Debs. (bear.) c)	791 —
5% pref. sh. c)	691 —1
Paas 4% debs. 60/64 reg	965 —
"Inva" 6% debs.	521 —
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg. c)	1404 —
6% debs. c)	1393 —
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	88 —
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	177 +1
Rassco 6% pref. ord sh.	85 —
"A" ord. shares	2453 —
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Isr.	156 —
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Ldn	— —
Jer. Elec. Corp. ord. sh.	— —
Mekoreth pref. sh. b)	— —
Ata ord. "B" sh.	64 —
6-9% conv. debs. c)	1393 —1
"Kurdaneh" ord. "B" sh.	97 —
7% conv. debs. 59/64 c)	1401 —1
Moller-Dee ord.sh.reg a	102 —
Pal-Bravery 8% con. sh. c)	647 —
Assia Bejarano "B" sh.	97 —
"Tera" ord. sh.	156 +21
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	1162 —
6% debs. "B"	114 —
Pal.Cold.St.7%debs.c)	194 —
ord. sh. reg. c)d)	140 —
Pal.Centr.Tr.8% debs. a)	211 +1
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Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ **Exhibitions:—**
Dead Sea Scrolls: Hebrew University Administration Building, 97 King George. Last day, 2-6 p.m.
"Conquest of the Desert": permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the international "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.
Ceramics, Mrs. F. Rolss and pupils. Y.M.C.A. 9-1, 4-7.
Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.). 20 Rehov Salomo Hamelech. Open 9-1.
"Hommage a Matisse."—"Master drawings" Exhibit of the month: Woven tapestry. Persia. Middle Ages; Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 4-6.

★ **Tours:—**
Hebrew University conducted tour new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Hebrew L. yuage Campaign:—**
Hanukka gathering for volunteers; Beit Ha'am, 7.30 p.m.

★ **Film Shows:—**
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

★ **Library:—**
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-1; 2-6.

TEL AVIV

★ **Cinema Performances: —**
"Good-by Mr. Chips!" Beit Lessin, 27 Rehov Weizmann, 3 p.m. Bus No. 13, 19, 22, 61, 62.

★ **Exhibitions:—**
Paintings by "The Independents" Adam, Wiesenfeld, Harouti Calahorra, Shulman, Kats Art Gallery, 87 Dizengoff Road, 10-1, 3-7.
1) Jacob Wechsler, recent oil paintings, 1954. 2) Drawings by Masters of the Italian Renaissance (reproductions). Open daily 10-4; Fridays, Saturdays 10-1; Sundays 4-10 p.m. — Tel Aviv Museum.
Victor Marchese, Argentine Sculptor, Z.O.A. House (10-12; 4-6).

★ **Theatre:—**
Habimah, "Hedva And I", Habimah, 8 p.m.
Habimah, "The Wild Duck," Habimah, 8 p.m.
"Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibitions:—**
Opening: Oil paintings, Gouaches and Monotype by Yehoshua Baumfreund. Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
Drawings and Watercolours by 20th Century British Artists, Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

KIRYAT HAIM

★ **Theatre:—**
"Cataplan", Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Entertainment—**
Josephine Baker with a grand Circus Revue, 3, 6.30 & 9.30 p.m.

RISHON LEZION

★ **Theatre:—**
Habimah, "The Cairo Mummy", 8.30.

COMING EVENTS

HAIFA

Dr. Kurt Sitte, Professor of Physics at the Technion, will deliver a public lecture under Technion auspices on Tuesday, December 28, 1954 at 8 p.m. in the Technion lecture hall 84, on "Looking Between the Stars, Cosmic Rays, Astronomy of Space, etc."

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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy, with occasional showers.

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Mt. Carmel	61	6	13	10
Tiberias	60	10	19	12
Haifa Port	66	9	20	14
Natanya	67	9	16	14
Tel Aviv Kirya	62	7	20	11
Tel Aviv Port	74	6	18	11
Lydda Airport	70	5	19	11
Jerusalem	64	7	17	12
Beersheba	60	5	17	12
Eilat	66	9	20	11

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp expected today

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SCHOOLCHILDREN of four Sharon villages were the guests yesterday of the Army unit adopted by the Sharon Coast Regional Council.

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A CANVAS HUT in the Ra'anana *ma'abara* was gutted by fire last night, leaving two families homeless and penniless. It is believed that the fire spread from a lighted Hanukkia left unattended.

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A MEMORIAL service for the dead of the Beit Nabalia and Ben Shemen battles, during the War of Liberation, was held yesterday at the military cemetery at Nahlat Yitshak.... A memorial plaque for the 15 students of the Agricultural Faculty of the Hebrew University who fell in the War of Liberation was unveiled in Rehovot yesterday.

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VALUABLES WORTH some IL.2,000, including jewellery, silver ware, other household articles and IL.100 in cash, were stolen early yesterday morning from the apartment of Mr. David Karpi on Rehov Aharon in Jerusalem.

Sun-Trap Dedicated For T.B. Children

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Dutch women's branch of the U.N. International Children's Emergency Fund donated and equipped the sunny pavilion which was dedicated yesterday at the OSE sanatorium for tubercular children, in Baka'a, Jerusalem. Mr. G. W. Boissevain, the Netherlands Minister, accepted the thanks of the OSE directors on behalf of his compatriots.

Dr. M. Heifman, chairman of the OSE committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* that 45 children stayed in the Sanatorium for six or eight months to recuperate after treatment in hospital. Until the "sun-trap" was built they had had no sheltered spot in which to play. Its two prefabricated buildings stand in a pleasant garden near the dormitories and kindergarten where the stronger children are taught their lessons.

Beds, kitchenware and blankets were given to OSE by the Dutch ladies. The Ministry for Social Welfare pays half the upkeep of each child, and OSE underwrites the rest. The small convalescents gain up to seven kilograms during their stay, on a diet of meat and two eggs every day. In blue rompers and paper crowns the children sang Hanukka songs for the visitors, who included members of the Dutch community here.

Building Resumed On Haifa Synagogue

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — The construction of Haifa's Central Synagogue, which was begun some 20 years ago entered its second stage today with an impressive roof-pouring ceremony.

Mayor Abba Khoushy told the audience in the elaborately decorated reception hall of the synagogue that the resumption of building was possible because of help from the Municipality, various religious bodies and private individuals.

Completion of the synagogue, which will be one of the largest in the world with a seating capacity of 2,500, would require another IL.300,000, which the Municipality would help to raise.

Present at the ceremony which included a choral service, were the Haifa Chief Rabbi, Yehoshua Kaniel, the Director General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Z. Kahana, Deputy Mayor Y. Katz, Councillors, and the former Mayor, Mr. Shabetai Levy.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN MOSLEM COURTS

The High Court yesterday instructed the Sharia Kadi in Acre, Sheikh Mussa Tabari, to show cause why he should not refrain from hearing a claim made by an Arab woman for the guardianship of her late brother's children.

The appellant, Halima Braya, of the Fureidis village, near Haifa, claims that the sister of her late husband had "enticed" the children away from her. Counsel for the sister-in-law had claimed before the Kadi that the Law of Equal Rights for Women does not bind a Moslem Court, which proceeds according to religious law only. The Women's Rights Law stipulates that parents have natural guardianship over their children and in this case the mother wishes to have guardianship over the three children, the Court stated.

The Kadi decided to begin hearing testimony of the applicant's witnesses and to defer decision on the legal problem involved.

The High Court has included the Attorney General as a party in resolving the leading questions involved in its order nisi. The Court consisted of President Olshan and Justices Goitein and Witkon. *(ITIM)*

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Onions: 250 gr., Taf Aleph 3, temp. 42, Bananas, for children (Tel Aviv district): 500 gr., Mem 42; 500 gr., Mem 42. (Southern District): 500 gr., Mem 42; 500 gr., Mem 42. Fillet: 150 gr., Nun 19, temp. 32; for manual labourers: 450 gr., coupon 31.

'Rami Had No Quarrel Before He Was Killed'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A girl who saw Rami Rosenberg stabbed to death last October, Ofra Klugmasky, 16, of Rehovot, gave evidence before Magistrate B. Giladi today during the continuation of the preliminary investigation into charges against eight boys, all under 18, of being involved in the killing.

Speaking with great difficulty, Ofra who did not identify any of the accused, told the Court that she neither saw nor heard Rami arguing with anyone on the evening in question. After the attack, she found that blood from Rami's wound had spurted over her clothes.

Mr. Shlio Zaidi, 19, of Rehovot, stated that on the night of the incident, one of the accused had asked him to lend him a shirt because he had scratched someone with a knife in a fight and had got blood on his clothes. Mr. Zaidi said that he had done as asked and had hidden the blood-stained clothes and also a knife which someone, whom he did not identify, had given him later.

The witness identified the knife exhibited in court as that which he had hidden.

Nine witnesses were called today for the prosecution, bringing the total to date to 17. A further 18 are to be called. The hearing is to be resumed on Tuesday.

Motion to Censure Levanon Postponed

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The motion to censure Mayor Haim Levanon for his failure to obtain government approval for the current budget was postponed today until January 12. The censure was moved by the Histadrut groups in the Municipal Council. Mr. H. Levanon said that his talks with the Minister of Interior were progressing well and he hoped to reach a compromise agreement soon.

The Council approved the terms of reference of the newly appointed Municipal Comptroller, Mr. Raphael Shahar.

Appropriations of IL.17,000 for sewerage installations in Rehov Ajami in Jaffa, and IL.14,000 for Yad Eliyahu were also approved.

The Municipality decided to permit an Arab Christian resident of Jaffa to open his shop on Saturday as he closed it on Sunday. Mr. Levanon told the Council.

'JERUSALEM' MAY LEAVE FOR REPAIRS

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Shoham Company management is considering sending abroad their largest passenger liner, the s.s. Jerusalem, for extensive engine repairs, a company spokesman revealed here today.

The repairs will require about 28 days for completion in a foreign port at a cost of some IL.100,000. The company intends to go ahead with its plan despite objections by the Hayama Co., since the longer time required to repair the ship in Haifa Port would interfere with the company's schedule. Port of Haifa Authority officials are backing Shoham's decision because an extensive lay-up in the Port would interfere with operations.

The company intends to have the vessel laid up after she has made two more trips to Marseilles, so that repairs will be completed in time to bring Passover tourists from the U.S.

Man Killed by Train

HAIFA, Sunday. — A suburban train taking Tirat Hacarmel workers to their jobs early this morning, ran over and killed a man who apparently had lain on the track. The body was taken for examination to the Government Hospital where the man was identified as Leopold Friediger, 46, a resident of Kiryat Eliahu.

It is believed that he had been suffering from depression since he was injured in the head in a work accident several years ago.

2 HURT IN CRASH

KFAR SABA, Sunday. — The driver of a tender and his passenger were injured when the vehicle collided with an empty Egged bus on the road from Herzlia to Herzlia B this evening. The men, Avi Gershuni, of Herzlia, and Avraham Dalach, of the near-by *ma'bara*, were taken to hospital.

RABBI HAGER BURIED

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The funeral of Rabbi Menahem Hager, Chairman of the Mizrahi Organization and head of the local Burial Society, took place today. He was eulogized by the Chief Rabbis of Tel Aviv, Rabbi I.Y. Unterman and Rabbi Y. Toledano. The *cortege* passed at the Headquarters of the Mizrahi party here and at the Great Synagogue. *Kadish* at the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery was said by a son of the deceased.

Chemists Meet To Honour Farkas

The Israel Chemical Association met in Jerusalem yesterday to mark the sixth anniversary of the death of Professor Ladislas Farkas, Israel's foremost research scientist, who was killed in an air crash. Dr. Farkas, who had worked in Berlin, was one of the earliest workers on heavy water.

Dr. Y. Dostrovsky, giving one of the memorial lectures, discussed the various methods available for the desalting of brackish water, but admitted that none of these was yet economic. Apart from evaporation and freezing methods, which are relatively expensive, the excess salt can also be removed from water by means of semi-permeable membranes, by which components of solutions may be filtered. But even by this system desalted water would cost about 300 pruta per cubic metre in place of the usual 30.

The session was opened by Dr. G. Stein, and was followed by a reception at Beit Shalom in Talbieh.

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Czech Newcomers At President's

President Ben-Zvi yesterday received a delegation of immigrants from Czechoslovakia, in his monthly *Rosh Hodesh* reception for groups of different nationalities.

All classes of the population were represented — University professors, farmers, Army and police officers, writers and labourers, artists and clerks.

After the lighting of the Hanukka candles, Prof. S.H. Bergman presented the group to the President.

Prof. F. Thieberger spoke of the persecution of Czech Jewry, and Dr. D. Mersetz, the last chairman of the Zionist organization in Czechoslovakia, discussed the achievements of the movement. Mr. Ze'ev Shek reminisced on the concentration camps of Theresienstadt and Auschwitz.

An ad hoc choir sang Czech and Slovak folk songs and the Habimah actress, Miss Nava Sha'an, read poems of Hannah Senesh.

Hanukka Flares Shine from Scopus

Jerusalem Post Staff

Torches were lighted in the University and Hadassah compound on Mt. Scopus at six o'clock yesterday evening, the last day of Hanukka.

The twice-postponed Hanukka party at the Children's Club of the Working Mothers Organization in Rehov Devora Hanevia in Jerusalem yesterday attracted more than 100 boys and girls as well as many other guests, including Mrs. Zippora Sharett, wife of the Prime Minister, Mrs. Dina Bat Horin, Secretary of the Organization in Jerusalem, spoke briefly on the meaning of Hanukka.

The zealots, whose daily demonstrations had postponed the party, grew exceedingly restive when the children trooped outside to dance by the light of a giant Hanukkia mounted on the roof. They did not try to break through the police cordon, however.

In Haifa, some 100 polio-stricken, handicapped children were treated yesterday to a gala Hanukka party, featuring a puppet show and a magician. The party was made possible through a gift of $100 donated several months ago by an American tourist.

Later in the afternoon, the Haifa Rotary Club gave a Hanukka party at the Zion Hotel for 300 elderly persons from Haifa and the nearby *ma'barot*. Present at the celebration was Mayor Abba Khoushy, who spoke in both Hebrew and Yiddish.

The Jerusalem branch of the Histadrut Olei Britannia Association of Immigrants from Britain, are giving a Hanukka tea and treat to the 90 pupils of the Har-Zion School in Yemin Moshe, Jerusalem, today. This is instead of a Hanukka party for the members of the association themselves.

ITALIAN STAR TOURS CAPITAL

Miss Silvana Pampanini toured Jerusalem and its holy places yesterday as the guest of the Italian Consul in Jerusalem. In the evening, the Italian film star attended a performance at the Ron Theatre of the film "City on Trial" in which she appeared.

During the intermission, Miss Pampanini, who was sitting in the first row of the balcony, addressed the audience and thanked them for the ovation they had given her. She then threw roses from her bouquet at the appreciative fans.

A reception for Miss Pampanini was held later at the Italian Consulate.

Schnerb 'Promised Shares in Business'

The preliminary investigation of charges against Mr. Haim G. Schnerb, for having defrauded a number of Jerusalemites, continued yesterday before Examining Magistrate Y. Weiner.

Several persons testified that Mr. Schnerb had obtained money from them by claiming that he had a rag business and promising that they would share in the profits.

Police Sergeant G. Sargosti presented to the court a list of admissions which the accused allegedly had made to the police. According to these, he got into debt when he immigrated in 1933 and has been "borrowing from Peter to pay Paul" ever since.

Mr. Schnerb has been detained for several weeks as he has been unable to raise the necessary bail. *(ITIM)*

FRANCE

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the Government pays a certain amount each month for each child the family has up to six.

If M. Mendes-France wins, the West is expected to push ahead with plans to rearm 500,000 Germans inside NATO within two or three years. But some harm already will have been done to Western solidarity and relations between France and Germany by the Friday vote.

If M. Mendes-France loses Britain will withdraw her promise to keep her divisions on the Continent, and the U.S. will not renew hers. America probably will move her supply lines north to the Low Countries, and both major allies will rearm Germany without France.

German rearmament has been the one issue on which M. Mendes-France has not been able to count on the support of the voters against his political enemies.

The new defence package which the Western Foreign Ministers built in seven weeks after the same National Assembly defeated the European Defense Community on August 30 was made up of four main parts — the Western European Union to control and limit armaments, German entry into NATO, restoration of German sovereignty and a Franco-German agreement on the Saar.

By defeating W.E.U. on Friday, the Assembly took the insides out of the package even though almost contritely it approved restoration of German sovereignty and the Saar agreements by majorities.

(UP, Reuter)

POLAR. — An American scientific expedition to the North Pole, the first since Admiral Peary's in 1909, will set out next March to study the thickness of the polar ice cap.

Water Shortage Feared in Sharon

HADERA, Sunday. — Although water reserves in the Sharon are still plentiful this year, its inhabitants should be warned now that they may be exhausted shortly, Mr. A. Weiner, of Water Planning for Israel, Ltd. (Tahal), and Mr. D. Kahana, Manager of the Water Authority, told representatives of 40 villages in the area who met in Kfar Vitkin today. The area, the farmers were told, is not self-contained, and to preserve their soil from salinity they must join in the general water scheme.

Pilgrims Home From Holiday

Jerusalem Post Staff

Nearly 2,000 Christian Israelis returned via Mandelbaum Gate yesterday after spending the Christmas holiday in the Old City and Bethlehem.

Recrossing began at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and by 4 o'clock queues in front of the Israel customs huts extended almost throughout the entire no-man's land. Dozens of buses and special taxis crossed St. George's Street to take travellers back to Nazareth, Acre, Haifa and other parts of the country.

The crossing was supervised by Najati Nashashibi, Chief of the External Liaison Office of the Jordan Foreign Ministry, and Dr. A. Biran, Jerusalem District Representative.

A large amount in fees was collected by Israel customs officials on goods bought by the travellers in Jordan. Conspicuous among these were new clothes, pens, watches, cigarette lighters, *nargila* parts and cards. A small amount of undeclared dollars was confiscated from several travellers, who will be brought to trial for attempted smuggling.

The returning pilgrims who were laden with baskets of sweets, cakes and coconuts from the Old City, reported that the holiday had passed quietly. The Church of St. Catherine, in Bethlehem, adjoining the Church of the Nativity, overflowed with guests and tourists from all parts of the world, the pilgrims reported.

Many foreign groups of pilgrims who spent the Christmas holiday in Jordan are expected to cross into Israel today for a visit.

The Acre District Officer, M. Y. Einstein; his deputy, Mr. S. Rashdi; the Mayor of Acre, Mr. J. Gadish, and police officers yesterday paid a holiday call on the head of the town's Christian community.

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'Halva'a Vehisachon' Moves Back To Rehov Ben Yehuda

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nearly seven years after the tragic Rehov Ben Yehuda explosion destroyed the Halva'a Vehisachon Cooperative Society's Jerusalem premises together with adjoining buildings, the newly rebuilt, five-storey block was reopened yesterday on its former site.

Mr. S. Isseroff, a member of the Society's executive, told a press conference yesterday that the IL.10,900 received as war damage insurance scarcely covered the cost of the massive Chatwood strong-room installations, while the whole building cost IL.300,000. According to the law, 50 per cent of the value of the original property is liable to be paid as war damage insurance.

The new premises also house Yad Vashem, and the Bank of Israel's Examiner of Banks Department, while the Halva'a Vehisachon Bank occupies the ground floor. Tastefully finished in veined marble and pale green walls with modern grill-shaped lighting fixtures, the Bank's premises are more spacious than the earlier two-storey building. The strong-room installations include safe deposit boxes with adjoining private rooms for the convenience of clients. A staff of 20 deals with the affairs of 8,019 members.

Mr. Y. Shachor, the Bank's Director, told the Press that the society has been very closely connected with the development of Jerusalem since its foundation in 1919 and was responsible for financing the development of large areas, including Beit Hakerem and the Mahane Yehuda markets. Agriculture in the surrounding area had also been developed with the society's assistance.

Mr. Y. Ben-Dov, the society's chairman, spoke of the necessity for educating the public in self-help by saving and thrift instead of replying on aid from abroad. He enlarged on the opportunities which the society offers for this important work.

Describing future activities, Mr. Shachor said that there would now be facilities available for enlarging the society's scope. A new savings group had just been formed and its capital would be divided later among its members against mortgages. Together with the Ministry for Social Welfare and the Jewish Agency, the society is engaged in raising funds required by new immigrants for constructive enterprises, and is therefore a part of the process of immigrant absorption, he added.

The society is very conscious of the fact that the new immigrants it is aiding in this way today are the future members of tomorrow. Some 50 to 60 new members join the society each month, Mr. Isseroff revealed, and even more apply for membership.

The society's progress was revealed as follows:

	1919	1.12.1954
Members	30	8,019
Capital	LP. 84	IL. 168,500
Cash	LP. 11	IL. 626,540
Savings and Deposits	LP. 300	IL.2,819,000
Loans and Promissory notes	LP. 343	IL.1,100,000

A long-term deposits scheme was introduced in 1923. To date, more than 3,000 savings units have been registered, each valued at IL.100.

The first building group to commence operations was founded in 1923, Mr. Shachor said. In 1928, the issue of LP.5 certificates was started and holders were entitled to participate in a lottery for a first prize of LP.2,500. A group for saving and for building houses was formed in 1951 and up to now has collected more than IL.100,000 for division among its members against mortgages, he added.

ASSIS PAYS 4½%

The Directors of the enterprises of Assis and Bejarano Bros. Ltd., have decided to increase this year's interim dividend and distribute to "A" and "B" shareholders Bonus Shares at the rate of 4½ per cent instead of the 4 per cent interim dividend distributed during the previous years.

$200,000 Given To Disabled Veterans

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A gift of $200,000 for the foundation of a convalescent home and sports centre has been donated to the Disabled Veterans' Association by an American, Mr. A.S. Kay, through the good offices of Mr. David Ben Gurion, the Press was told today.

Reviewing six years of the organization's work, its chairman, Mr. M. Rashkes, charged the Treasury and the Ministry of Health with obstructing the completion of the rehabilitation centre at Tel Hashomer. The necessary equipment, donated by the International Association for Disabled Veterans, has already arrived in this country, he said.

The speaker asked the general public to accept disabled ex-servicemen with more tolerance and understanding. However much success the association had in solving the veterans' economic problems, the urgent question of their acceptance in society was in the hands of every citizen. He cited the lack of consideration displayed towards the war invalid in "buses typical of the public's indifference."

He also appealed to the Government to find ways of making the disabled soldiers and their families feel that Independence Day was "their day" which now was far from the case, he claimed.

Scotland Yard Probes "Arabian Nights Ball"

A London despatch to the Cairo "Al Ahram" says that the Arabian Nights Ball which was organized last year by the Anglo-Arab Association to help Arab charities is now being investigated by Scotland Yard.

The police have taken statements from various persons connected with the organization of this event and are interviewing others. The inquiries were started when the financial accounts were audited.

At the moment, the names of those being questioned are confidential, but according to the "Empire News" the investigation will end in court proceedings.

Histadrut Wages Policy

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tries, the Histadrut must also work unceasingly to increase the national income. "The problems of the State," declared Mr. Becker, "are our problems; its achievements and its failures are mainly ours."

The workers, he said, have benefited from an increase in labour's share in the national income; the exemption of cost-of-living allowance rises from income-tax; the payment of the allowance on a larger part of the basic wage; the slowing-down of the rate of price increases; a rise in exports of 50 per cent, as compared with an increase of only 6 per cent in imports; an increase in agricultural and industrial production; and the improvement in the employment situation.

There are still weak points, Mr. Becker went on. The cost-of-living index must be re-examined, for it is based on surveys carried out in 1950 and 1951. Delays in wage payments cannot be tolerated, especially when they affect unemployed and new settlers. Efforts must be made to provide permanent jobs instead of public works. Greater productivity is a central issue; it is essential to reduce the proportion of wage-earners in commerce and services and encourage vocational training. Steps must be taken to reduce middlemen's profits, which amount to 40 per cent of the retail price, and here the Histadrut enterprises must take the lead. Steps must be taken to control cartels and end food adulteration.

In discussing the proposed wages policy, Mr. Becker said that basic wages are now only 38 per cent of earnings in industry. The cost-of-living allowance has protected the workers against the effect of rising prices to a greater extent than in almost any other country. The standard of living of the veteran workers has risen since the establishment of the State, and the new immigrants have improved their standards immeasurably in comparison with those of their countries of origin. Standards have fallen only in comparison with those current in the fool's paradise of the 1951 inflationary period, when the country was on the brink of disaster.

Weak Protected

It is true that the cost-of-living allowance system has reduced differences between the highest and the lowest earnings, but it has protected the weak, and the Histadrut fought and will continue to fight to preserve it. Only when they are nearer the stabilization of the economy can they reconsider the question of wage differentiation.

We are all agreed, Mr. Becker proceeded, that the workers deserve higher standards, but who will pay the wage increases to the 300,000 wage-earners in public employ? As for the 100,000 employed by the private sector, wage rises for them will either result in higher prices or injure the export trade.

The proposed policy will increase the purchasing power of the worker by keeping down prices and obtaining income-tax concessions. It will help to expand exports and increase productivity. The opposition's proposals would increase unemployment and bring about a contraction in exports.

Mr. Y. Yudin of Mapam declared that despite wages restraint in the past, prices had not fallen, profits had risen and the quality of goods had deteriorated. They have no faith in the promises of improved supplies. While wages had been kept down, he said, inflation had gone on. Inflation can be fought only by a change in the Government's general economic policy.

Miss Bracha Dersa'it, of Ahdut Ha'avoda, in a moderate speech, demanded that the Government guarantee the supply of all the food-stuffs taken into account in the cost-of-living index. She also pleaded for income-tax reforms, the abolition of "emergency pay" and a rise in basic pay of at 20 per cent.

Mr. Akiva Govrin, of Mapai, stated that the proposed policy must be accepted as an emergency measure. A general rise will put an end to any possibility of a normal wages policy in the future, which would provide for wage adjustments in keeping with the needs and capacities of each industry, under the general control of the Histadrut. Such a policy can be adopted only when we have achieved stabilization, of which there were encouraging signs.

Mr. Mordecai Namir challenged Mapai's critics to explain why Mapai should not have proposed a more popular wages policy in an election year, especially when even the General Zionist and Herut workers' organizations were in favour of wage increases.

The Trade Union Department's proposals were finally adopted by 20 votes, against 9 votes each for the proposals of Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda, and two votes each in favour of those of Ha'oved Hazioni, Hapoel Hamizrahi and the Communists. Proposals for a plebiscite and the submission of the issue to the Histadrut Council were rejected.

Japan to Ease Contacts with USSR

TOKYO, Sunday (UP). — The Japanese Foreign Office, now under the Administration of its new Foreign Minister, the veteran diplomat Mamoru Shigemitsu, has decided to relax rigid controls on traffic between Japan and the Soviet Union, sources close to the Foreign Office said today.

Relaxation of travel restrictions, however, will apply only to businessmen making trips to contribute to promotion of Japanese-Soviet trade, artists and athletes, it was said.

Political missions will be prohibited as they were under the Yoshida Cabinet.

The Foreign Office has informed the Japanese Amateur Wrestling Association that passports will be issued to a 13-member Japanese team which has been invited to compete in Russia.

WATCHMEN UNITE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN, Sunday. — The two rival associations of farm watchmen are to amalgamate shortly, Mr. A. Druyan, Chairman of the Watchmen's Organization, told its general meeting today. The other association, the Watchman's Union, is affiliated with the Histadrut. Negotiations for the merger have been in progress for five years.

Mr. Druyan said that the Organization's efforts recently had been directed to improving the breeding of horses and to buying weapons. A book giving the story of the Jewish watchman over the past 100 years will be published in a fortnight.

The meeting was opened by the veteran watchman, Mr. Avraham Shapiro, and was addressed by Mayor A. Krinis.

Cables in Brief

FIRE — Fire destroyed 200 houses occupied by refugees in a crowded part of Pusan yesterday. One Korean was killed and 1,300 were left homeless.

ECLIPSE — The longest total eclipse of the sun in 800 years will be visible in South East Asia on June 30, the Philippine Weather Bureau has announced.

MEASLES — About 170 of the 300 inhabitants of Kapisigbit settlement in Greenland have measles. There have been two fatalities.

ICE CREAM KING — The man who was known as the "Ice Cream King of London," Rafaello Carcantonio, has died at his home in Herne Hill at the age of 73.

Ill-Fated Plane Touched Down on Soft Ground

PRESTWICK, Scotland, Sunday (Reuter). — Aircraft experts here think that the mysterious overturning and explosion of a Strato-cruiser at Prestwick Airport on Christmas Day may have been caused by the giant plane touching down on soft ground before it reached the runway.

Experts investigating the crash, in which 28 persons were killed, have found deep ruts in the ground just before the runway's start. The first heap of wreckage is half a mile further on.

Another theory puzzling the experts is that a sudden gust of wind caught the aircraft during what looked like a perfect landing and turned it on its port wing.

But they cannot explain why the 80-ton Strato-cruiser should have turned on its side. The luckiest escape from the ill-fated Strato-cruiser was made by Britain's civil air attache to Buenos Aires — he just missed the plane.

MR. O. BEN-AMI

Mr. Oved Ben-Ami, Mayor of Natanya, is understood to be progressing satisfactorily after an operation in Boston last week, "Ma'ariv" reports. Mr. Ben-Ami is in the U.S. on a business trip.

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MR. Behor Shitreet's remarks on juvenile delinquency, reported in these columns yesterday, will serve to bring home to the public once again the urgency of a problem which is disturbing social workers all over the world just as much as in Israel.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

The Minister of Police pointed out that no less than 60 per cent of all cases of theft and housebreaking from January to October of this year were committed by young persons. The main solution proposed by Mr. Shitreet for the problem was the provision of more trained youth leaders.

This is only one of the many ways in which the problem is being tackled in Israel and when they have been enumerated there still remain considerable gaps in the organization designed to deal with this pressing social problem. Among the many factors at work grappling with the potential delinquent is Gadna which in recent months has opened one hundred new clubs to deal with the social care and education of youngsters in slums and immigrant centres. Then there are the constant efforts of Youth Aliya which have been devoted increasingly to drawing off boys and girls from underprivileged homes and giving them the benefit of its training in rural centres. Nor must the new experiments in creating urban Youth Aliya centres be forgotten, embryonic though they be at the moment. Similarly a number of new fields are being probed by the Jewish Agency for the care of immigrant youth. From the government side there is the provision of vocational schools in which volunteer organizations Hadassah and WIZO, are doing solid work.

But many causes hamper the free development of these factors. The first one is the lack of sufficient funds to provide vocational centres, the shortage of skilled staffs and of institutions themselves. Thus one of the evils which has been stressed repeatedly is the fact that no suitable place exists for the detention of difficult or delinquent girls. There is a good deal heard of the shortage of playgrounds and playcentres and certainly of skilled staff to manage them, and it is time something was done about it.

The basic causes of delinquency are hard to determine. It is easy in Israel to point to overcrowding and lack of decent accommodation for many in the large cities, to the feeling of frustration which comes from the sudden projection of a child into a dead end occupation immediately after completing primary school. There is no evidence however to suggest that juvenile delinquency is more prevalent among the children of new immigrants. If anything, the pointers seem to be away from that conclusion. In other countries, as recently in the United States, the community has been disturbed by outbreaks of delinquency among children of families in comfortable circumstances. But insofar as delinquency does stem from social causes, the problem is being tackled on the right lines in Israel.

Once the preventive work has broken down and the young offender does reach the juvenile courts there is much that can still be done. Modern practice requires the juvenile court to be equipped with a proper psychiatric clinic and an adequate staff of trained probation officers. There has to be sufficient accommodation of a suitable nature to ensure that juveniles are not imprisoned with adults. But since the lumping together of youngsters in an institution of their own can often lead to the spread of deleterious influences, there has to be the most skilful treatment inside the institution and the most careful psychological examination of the youths to see if they should be committed at all.

It is not enough to know that Israel is proceeding on the right lines in the treatment of the problem of the young delinquent. There has to be an immediate provision of resources to implement the needs which are clearly understood. Of all things in this world youth is certainly a stuff which cannot endure, and a policy of too little and too late can mean the loss of a generation.

Nehru-Tito Talks Aimed At Lessening World Tension

Mr. Nehru introducing India's Service Chiefs to Marshal Tito, following the latter's arrival in New Delhi. Express Photo

By NORMAN CLIFF

DELHI, (OFNS). — FOLLOWING the visit of Marshal Tito to India and Burma, the three countries may be expected to join hands with the definite aim of lessening world tensions, widening the area of peace and making peaceful coexistence possible between countries of differing ideologies.

This is the likely outcome of consultations which have already been held between Mr. Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, and Mr. Shal Tito, and talks which each will hold separately with Mr. U Nu, the Burmese Prime Minister. They are three countries with a Socialist approach—Marshal Tito in the course of numerous speeches has said never a word about Communism — and with differing degrees of influence with the orthodox Communist States and with countries whose economies are based to a varying extent on capitalist principles.

Pursuing a policy of non-alignment and disclaiming any intention to form a third bloc, leaders of the three countries hope to induce other nations to subscribe to these five principles and also introduce them to the United Nations. Marshal Tito is credited with the ambition of playing the role of mediator in Europe which Mr. Nehru fills in Asia. Whilst Marshal Tito calculates on improving relations with Soviet Russia Mr. Nehru will continue to exert his influence within the British Commonwealth and Mr. U Nu plans a mission of reconciliation in the United States between that country and Communist China.

After conferring with the Prime Ministers of the other Colombo Powers (Ceylon, Indonesia, Burma, Pakistan) in Indonesia, Mr. Nehru will meet Marshal Tito again in Calcutta. These two statesmen have been agreeably surprised to find themselves in such close agreement on such a great variety of topics. How far Marshal Tito has moved since his earlier days is revealed by the joint declaration of Mr. Nehru and the Yugoslav President that "the policy of their two countries and their approach to world peace cannot be based upon force or the accumulation of armaments as instruments either of negotiation or of solution of conflicts."

Marshal Tito's visit to India is no pleasure trip. He cancelled all the elaborate preparations made for a tiger hunt lest it should be thought that his activities in Asia were not of serious import.

CHRISTMAS PILGRIMS CROSS LINES

The scene at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem, where over 2,000 Christian pilgrims crossed into Jordan on Friday and returned again yesterday. Photo by Eisenstark

Readers' Letters

DIPLOMATS AND COCKTAILS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In connection with Mr. Edwin Samuel's letter in your issue of Dec. 23, it should be pointed out that the report in question was misinterpreted by most English newspapers, "from the most august to the least responsible," as The New Statesman's "Critic" observes.

In the total of £200m., the British Council has only a very minor share, and the bulk of the cost goes towards the maintenance of the entire British army overseas (not only in Germany).

In this context, The Economist (Dec. 18) comments on the innumerable diplomatic cocktail parties resulting from the fact that each of the 80 sovereign states has at least one Independence Day or other national feast to be celebrated once a year. Since, as Sir Anthony Eden remarked, "nobody would do such a thing for pleasure," the London weekly suggests a multilateral convention on the regulation, limitation and ultimate abolition of such parties, with M. Mendes-France giving a lead, both by suggesting limits and controls, and by championing an alternative beverage.

Yours, etc.,
"ECONOMICUS"

Jerusalem, December 24.

PEN FRIENDS

Norman Novick, 22 Carman St., Patchogue, New York, U.S.A., 13 years old, wants a pen friend.

Tema Friedlander, 270 West Ave., Patchogue, New York, U.S.A., is a 12-year-old girl who wants a pen friend in Israel.

Birya Needs Helping Hand

By YISHAYAHU ASHANI

FROM Safad, the gleaming white houses of Birya, suspended from the mountainside, appear to float in a sea of sky and sunlight. To the distant viewer, its brilliant history lends it additional glory: it was in Birya that Rabbi Yosef Karo completed the *Shulhan Aruk*h, and numerous sages are buried nearby.

The short ride from Safad brings the first disappointments, as the driver skilfully manoeuvres between puddles on the steep trail, and a short visit soon discloses the truth behind the complaints of the Tripolitan settlers, who claim that their houses are falling apart, that the water supply does not meet their barest needs, and that, without electricity or a proper road, they are cut off from the rest of the world.

First stop is the village kindergarten, with 34 children, of whom 11 are of compulsory school age. (The total population of Birya is 240, partly settled since 1949 and partly brought in since to replace the numerous defections). There are only 15 chairs: the Ministry of Education can do no more than pay the teacher's salary, the villagers cannot afford the furniture or any equipment. The village school, founded this year, has 36 pupils in six classes, with two teachers who spend half an hour in each, assigning the work that will keep the youngsters busy while they themselves are off to other classes. The teachers enforce cleanliness and order and have succeeded in decorating parts of the building pleasantly. But here, again, the most basic furniture and equipment are lacking.

Houses Cracked

The houses in the village are simply falling apart. Gaps have opened up in the concrete floor and, pushing out, these have literally broken out the confinement of the walls. The walls are cracked from end to end. The rain comes in and the moisture seeps in from the ground. Eighty per cent of the settlers are undergoing treatment for rheumatism at the Kupat Holim. Eight houses in danger of imminent collapse, have been abandoned entirely.

It was the Technical Department of the Jewish Agency that approved these dwellings a short five years ago.

The houses are surrounded by dried-up weeds. Not a patch of green in sight. "I had to swear the villagers by Rabbi Shimon bar Yohai," explains Amos Romano, one of the veteran settlers "not to water their gardens, else we would not have enough to drink. Cyrenaicans like large families, but we had to decide to limit them here." There is an average of four people to each family. The entire population is employed outside the village, in the afforestation projects of the Jewish National Fund.

Water Troubles

When the settlers came, the Jewish Agency provided them with a motor that was supposed to pump water up to Birya. The Agency's district inspector, Mr. Gruber, says that the villagers neglected their plots, chose to work outside the village instead, and forced the Agency to pull out in 1952. The motor was transferred to another settlement, and all the equipment was removed — except for the three-inch piping, which the settlers would not let the Agency take away, and two tons of fertilizer.

Today, the small motor at the spring nearby pumps the water into a little reservoir once a week. The rest of the time much of the water spills out and the villagers go without.

The Jewish National Fund, which supplies the villagers with their means of livelihood — I saw a pile of well-made triangles of wood and screening, such as are used to protect young saplings, in front of one of the houses — is not inclined to comply with the villagers' request that Birya be incorporated into the network of J.N.F. "work villages" in Galilee, because it does not feel that the terrain is promising.

As for Hapoel Hamizrahi, which founded the moshav, the settlers complain that it only appears on the eve of elections, and threaten to run its propagandists out on a rail the next time they appear. They are especially bitter about one of the instructors, Yitzhak Brucker, who supervised, among others, the planting of Shabtai Tzemah's vineyard in the days when Birya was supposed to become an agricultural settlement. Shabtai Tzemah planted a dunam and a half with the vines upside down.

Birya is fatherless — fully employed, but without a future and without anyone to care about it. At the same time, Safad has no land reserve, not one dunam to suggest to prospective investors in hotels or resort facilities. Birya is an ideal location for such development, or for little auxiliary farms to be worked on a part-time basis by people employed in town. The only improvements required at the start would consist in connecting the village to the town — paving 300 metres of road, and laying 150 metres of power lines.

ART NOTES

Independents' Put Up Poor Show

THE self-styled "Independents" who held their first exhibition in Holon last year are now showing new works at the Katz Gallery. This group of semi-amateurs is split up into different aesthetic camps and presumably held together for practical purposes. In any event the work of the five — Adam, Calahorra, Amalia Haruti, Shulman and Wiesenfeld — do not hang well together and in general this is a very weak show, far less interesting than the first. There is nothing that is not mediocre.

Wiesenfeld has some imagination and a certain feeling for harmonising colours. His green abstract entitled "Landscape" is quite evocative but he is still far from being able to communicate his intentions. Calahorra — also an abstractionist — is more professional and his pattern making is not unattractive. Shulman and Adam, both naturalistic in approach, have little to say that is of interest, although the former has a rather pleasant portrait of a Kurdish Youth and the latter's "Jaffa" is a rather agreeable piece of work. The works by Haruti do not rate comment. The "Independents" must do better than this if they want to be taken seriously. *S.W.*

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Yesterday's Press

Egypt Continues Delay Tactics

"DAVAR" (Histadrut) says the latest Egyptian announcement about the Bat Galim was made only in order to win a further delay. Egypt's evasion tactics before the Security Council have succeeded: the Western powers and the Soviet Union have tried hard to be indulgent. "Davar" says that though there has been no rapprochement between Egypt and the West, Cairo's agressiveness has increased as can be seen from her attitude towards the United Nations and the conduct of the present "spy" trial. The Security Council cannot be absolved from blame because it has virtually adjourned its session without ensuring the release of the ship. Cairo has announced that it would release the ship only after the next session, which begins on January 4, apparently in the hope that an opportunity will arise that will enable her to go back on her word. The paper expresses the hope that the Security Council will not put up with cheap tricks and another attempt to abuse its prestige.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) also deals with the manoeuvre to delay the release of the vessel and says that the Egyptian Government obviously expects that the Security Council will be satisfied with the freeing of the crew and not press for the release of the ship. Cairo knows that the powers are reluctant to put any pressure on her. But the paper thinks that an outspoken resolution that the Bat Galim should be allowed to proceed would influence the Egyptians.

Several Sunday papers commented editorially on events in Paris. "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) and "Herut" welcomed the French Assembly's rejection of the Paris and London treaties in a first vote and said that the 'French people have honourably stood the test'. "Lamerhav" (Ahdut Avoda) also applauds the vote, though it says that West Germany will probably be rearmed any way and France isolated.

"Omer" says that France's position as a European power is at stake. It is also true, the paper goes on to say, that recent American and British declarations can be interpreted as an act of intervention (as the Russians claim), but the Soviet Union was the first to use similar means in its notes. "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) thinks that if the cold war continues it will be difficult, if not impossible, to prevent the establishment of a new German army, which if not done under Western control will be accomplished in some other way.

Jerusalem Restrictions

"Haboker" (General Zionist) replying in its editorial to a letter from "Shurat Hamitnadvim" expresses its apprehensions with regard to private enterprise in the field of purging the moral climate. "Zmanim" (Progressive) strongly criticizes the recommendation of the Jerusalem three-man Sabbath commission and says that extreme orthodox circles have decided to ignore the compromise on traffic which has existed in the capital for many years now. Their demonstrations and attacks were evidently a success, for the present recommendation limiting traffic constitutes a gain for them, and further restrictions will be imposed on the great majority of the population. This acts a very dangerous precedent, because the only lesson to be learned is that the use of violence does pay after all.

At the Cinema

WE confess that we did not find time to re-read Jacob Wassermann's weighty tome of psychological fiction before seeing "L'Affaire Maurizius" (Zion, Jerusalem). However, we remembered enough to note that the script takes the novel's essential action and serves it up as a straight thriller, shorn of any early Freudian frills. Those who haven't read the book will be kept in suspense as whodunit up to the very end and will probably enjoy the film more than the surviving members of Wassermann's dwindling public.

As usual, director Julian Duvivier has done an excellent job, true to character and full of atmosphere. Anton Walbrook is as good as ever and Charles Vanel as fine as he was 20 years ago in "Les Miserables," when the Wassermann was a best seller. The female lead, Elionora Drago, is one of those new Italian stars, whose physical charms are over ballyhooed. *Th.F.M.*

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KEEPING POSTED

FOR people from the West it is a surprise every year to realise that Christmas is a wholly unfamiliar concept to many, including children who have grown up in Israel and whose parents were once as conscious of all the delights of Christmas celebrations as their non-Jewish neighbours and school mates.

We like particularly the reaction of a girl who works in a Government Office that has been receiving quite a collection of greetings from its various international contacts. She had been turning over the cards and studying the illustrations until she came to a Father Christmas in full regalia — red coat, red hood, big nose, long, straggly white beard starting right under his ears, and said delightedly: "Oh look! Here's a special card for us with a picture of an old bearded Jew on it! Now isn't it nice of them to think of a thing like that."

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A FRIEND who has been visiting the Negev says that on the way down there were some complaints that things were so quiet. A woman tourist said that when you go all the way down there you expect a bit of excitement. Somebody replied that at least the bunch of visiting students had got stuck in the mud for two days. They had not been in any great danger, but at least it had provided material for some exciting letters home to South Africa. Presently a few isolated shots were heard. Some of the passengers wondered whether they had spoken too soon. They rounded a hill and found themselves in a tangle of camels, Arabs, kibbutzniks and jeeps, with everybody looking upset and bewildered, except the camels, of course. It seems that a party from a kibbutz had arranged a Hanukka excursion to the Negev. They were following an old trail in jeeps when they saw a fair-sized camel caravan at a distance and took a short cut to catch it up and study this piece of Negev romance at close quarters. When they suddenly popped out of a wadi the unlucky gang of smugglers thought they were being ambushed and fired. The excursionists, who had themselves been prepared for ambush, fired back. There were no casualties, but when the caravaneers conceded the game, the kibbutzniks discovered that they had accidentally captured IL.250,000 worth (so the report runs) of hashish and three valuable camels. Nothing wrong with the Negev, you only have to time it properly.

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WHEN the excitement had died down a little, and the bus went on its way, the tourist, who knew no Hebrew, pointed to an advertisement for headache pills which showed a woman holding on to her head, apparently in agony, and asked whether that was the notice about not putting your head out of the window? In England, she said, she had heard there was a notice in every Israel bus warning passengers not to stretch their heads out too far or they would be over the border.

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THE small fry have been seeing the country too as it is holiday time. One 12-year-old told us of his three-day trip to the North. It had been lovely, he said, terribly exciting. They'd all slept for two solid days after they came back. Didn't they get any sleep on the way? Yes, of course, there had been instructors and even two parents along. But one night they'd got up pretty early to hold a midnight ceremony, and of course it wasn't worth while going to bed again after that, because it was morning, and the other night they hadn't slept much because of the face-painting. Face-painting? Yes, didn't I know. You waited until some child was asleep, and then you painted his face with something to make him look silly when he woke up. They used to use boot polish, but some doctor decided that was unhealthy, and so now they could only use toothpaste, which didn't look nearly as funny. And so half the class barricaded itself and then tried to stay awake so nobody could paint them, and the other half stayed awake in the hope that the first half would drop off after all, and could be painted . . . But they had managed to catch a few napping this time, he said with satisfaction. And the scenery, the countryside, the historical associations? What, he asked? Yes, yes, those had been lovely too.

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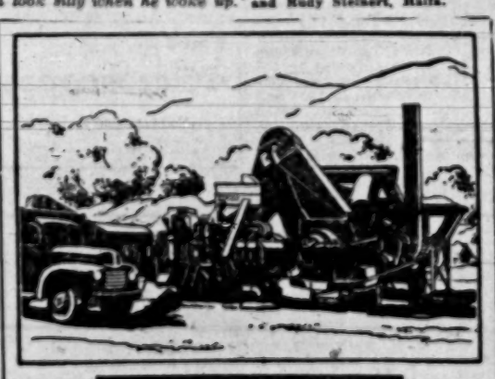
A GIFT shop in Tel Aviv has included among its displays a small rag-doll portrait of Mr.

Ben Gurion, dressed as a farmer, and carrying a small hoe. They are selling well.

Today's contributors include G. Axelrod, Tel Aviv, S.G., Jerusalem, and Rudy Steinert, Haifa.



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